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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS  
(2014-2018)

David G. Embrick, Luis Berruecos



Dear RC36 Colleagues,

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology has come and gone. RC 36 organized some great sessions, with the majority of them having a great turnout. We are certainly looking forward to our next large meeting in Toronto, Canada in 2018.

Once again, we are asking RC36 members to please send us any and all of your research, teaching, and service accomplishments. We ask those of you who frequently take photos during ISA/RC36 and ISA/RC36 sponsored conferences to please send us some of your favorites to be included in future newsletters.

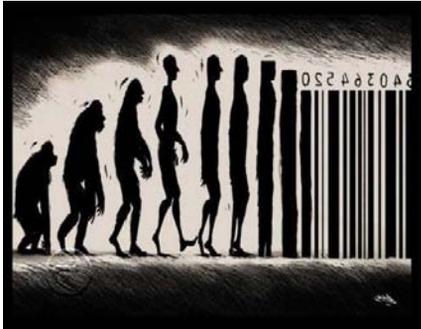
We hope to see as many of you as possible in in Toronto in 2018, if not before.

With much respect, David and Luis.

**XIX ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY**  
 Toronto, Canada | July 15-21, 2018 | Metro Toronto Convention Center




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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (2014-2018)

Vessela Misheva



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope that you have had a very pleasant Holiday Season, and that the coming year will be successful for you in every way.

This year promises to be busy for our RC. We have much to do and to look forward to in 2017, but the focus of our attention will, of course, be the most important event in the life of our organization – the next World Congress of Sociology in Toronto, Canada, in July 2018. For this reason, I would like to begin with an update concerning our most recent activities insofar as we have already begun the necessary preparations for being in Toronto.

### **ISA Theme in Toronto: *Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities***

The theme for Toronto 2018 – *Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities* – promises to make the Congress a world event that has an impact far beyond the sociological community. It is unfortunate that only 10 sessions have been allocated to our RC for the next World Congress, which is due to the fact that a number of our members are not also members of the ISA, even as our membership has grown. Our group is as strong as ever, our conferences are lively and well attended, and our sessions and presentations are attractive to colleagues from other RCs, but we will likely again face the problem of not having enough sessions to accommodate the number of interesting abstracts submitted to our Committee. This situation is not new, however, and we have succeeded in finding ways for as many of our members as possible to take part in the ISA Congresses and Forums, particularly by means of integrative sessions, association sessions, author meets critics sessions, and ad hoc sessions related to the Congress theme.

This year we have submitted two applications for such additional sessions. One is an integrative session that is a joint venture of three RCs – RC 48, RC 10, and RC 36 – on a topic of shared interest that corresponds well with the theme of the Congress, namely, *Social Responses to Capitalist Crises and Changing Power Relations: The Future of Democracy*. The second is an author meets critics session that will feature the most recent book of one of our honorary presidents, Lauren Langman, *God, Guns, Gold and Glory: American Character and its Discontents*, which was published at the end of 2016.

It goes without saying that we count on your active participation in the World Congress and hope that as many of you as possible will succeed in accommodating your 2018 vacation schedules in order to meet with fellow theorists and researchers from throughout the world. The Newsletter that follows provides the important deadlines that will frame our activities from now until Toronto. Note that it will be possible to submit session proposals beginning on February 2nd.

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It is also appropriate at the beginning of this pre-World Congress year to analyze our activities since Yokohama, undertake an evaluation of emerging tendencies in our thematic and organizational development, and identify our strengths as well as those aspects of our activities that we need to improve. In this first letter of 2017 I would like to encourage you, both as board members and as members of RC 36, to reflect upon your experiences in our RC and suggest new forms of work that can contribute to the growing popularity of our Committee, increase membership, and heighten our research productivity, including new ways in which to foster the typical RC 36 atmosphere of sympathy, kindness, and friendliness that have continued to attract outsiders and motivate them to join us.

Regards,  
Vessela Misheva, President RC 36

### **Information about the World Congress**

XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada, July 15-21, 2018

**Congress Theme:** Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities

More about the Congress Theme at: "<http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/>"

### **Important Deadlines**

Call for RC/WG/TG Sessions Proposals: February 2-March 15, 2017

Publication of the finalized list of sessions: 7 April, 2017

Submission of presentation abstracts on-line via Confex: April 25-September 30, 2017, 24:00 GMT

Abstracts selection: October 5-November 3, 2017, 24:00 GMT

Notification letters for accepted presentations: November 30, 2017, 24:00 GMT

Application deadline for Registration Grants: January 31, 2018, 24:00 GMT

Submission of proposed Registration Grants recipients: February 15, 2018, 24:00 GMT

Registration deadline for presenters: March 20, 2018, 24:00 GMT

Publication of finalized sessions: April 30, 2018, 24:00 GMT



MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER  
(2014-2018)

Andrew Blasko



Dear RC 36 Members,

There are two points of interest that I would like to address briefly. The first concerns a change in our statutes involving membership fees, in line with a discussion begun in Yokohama. There was general agreement at that time that that our membership fees be increased not only in light of our general financial situation, but also because they were near the low end of what research committees charged. It was proposed that we raise our dues for a 4-year period to \$40, with a discounted rate of \$25, and that any changes would be implemented no later than at our business meeting at the 2016 ISA Forum in Vienna. This would both reflect today's economic realities, and also better support the activities and further development of our research committee. Since none of our membership opposed this proposal, our membership fees have been changed and our statutes have been accordingly updated.

I also wish to draw your attention to the fact that our Committee has a Facebook page, which is administered and maintained by our Board Member Ekaterina Lytkina. This provides a valuable means both for our members to keep in touch with each other about their current activities, and to reach a wider public. Those of you with Facebook accounts can find the page at "ISA Research Committee 36 Alienation Theory and Research".

With best regards,

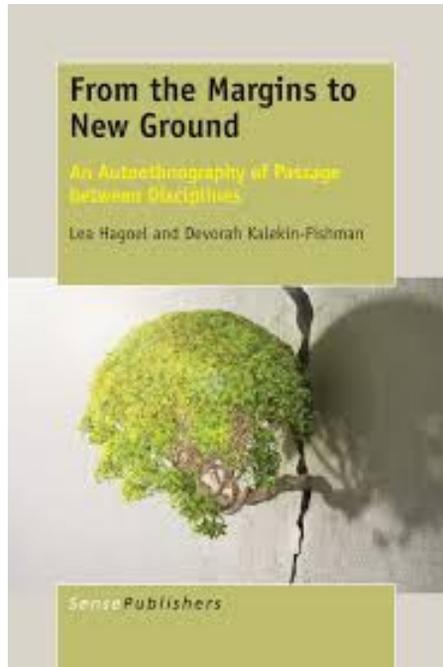
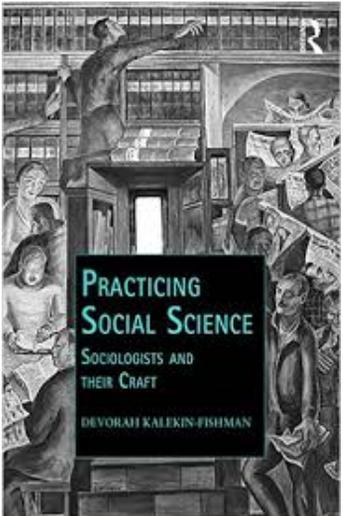
Andrew Blasko ,Secretary-Treasurer RC 36  
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"Strangers in Paradise: notes on the use of dating apps for hookups in San Francisco": [http://www.scielo.br/pdf/cpa/n47/en\\_1809-4449-cpa-18094449201600470011.pdf](http://www.scielo.br/pdf/cpa/n47/en_1809-4449-cpa-18094449201600470011.pdf)

I also organized a compilation on Digital Sociology just published on Contemporânea - Revista de Sociologia da UFSCar: <http://www.contemporanea.ufscar.br/index.php/contemporanea>

This semester was also published the second issue of Sociologies in Dialogue, the international journal of Brazilian Sociological Society. I'm part of the editorial board. The journal is open for submissions (in English): <http://www.sociologiesindialogue.com/>

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## MEMBER



Professor Matthew W. Hughey was named the 2016 Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Lecturer at the University of Cincinnati (Ohio, USA) was a Visiting Professor (in Sept 2016) at Universiteit Van Die Vrystaat (University of the Free State) (Bloemfontein, South Africa) and for 2016-2017 is a Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race at Columbia University (New York, USA). He received the 2016 Helena Znaniecki Lopata Mentoring Excellence Award from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction and the 2016 Outstanding Publication Award (for *The White Savior Film*, Temple UP, 2014) from the Southwest Sociological Association. He is most recently the author of the following articles from 2016 and 2015:

Forthcoming. Laybourn, Wendy M., Devon R. Goss, and **Matthew W. Hughey**. "You're either one of us or you're not': Racial Hierarchy and Non-Black Members of Black Greek-Letter Organizations." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

Forthcoming. Love, Adam, Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino, and **Matthew W. Hughey**. "Excessive Celebration? The Racialization of Recruiting Commitments on College Football Internet Message Boards." *Sociology of Sport* (Conditionally Accepted)

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2015. Parks, Gregory S., Shayne E. Jones, and **Matthew W. Hughey (Lead Article)**. "Hazing as Crime: An Empirical Analysis of Criminological Antecedents." *Law and Psychology Review* 39

2015. **Hughey, Matthew W.** "Discourse of Decency: White Nationalists, White Antiracists, and the Criminality of Color." *Contemporary Justice Review* 18(2): 139-159

2015. Parks, Gregory S., Shayne Jones, **Matthew W. Hughey**, and Jonathan Michael Cox. "White Boys Drink, Black Girls Yell?: A Racialized and Gendered Analysis of Violent Hazing and the Law." *The Journal of Gender, Race & Justice* 18(1): 93-158

2015. Love, Adam and **Matthew W. Hughey**. "Out of Bounds? Racial Discourse on College Basketball Message Boards." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 38(6): 877-93

2015. **Hughey, Matthew W.** "We've Been Framed! A Focus on Identity and Interaction for a Better Vision of Racialized Social Movements." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 1(1): 137-52



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From Alienation to Critical Theory, Past, Present and Future.

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